

Subject: Spanish + American coinage--
178-1810 dollars + half dollars--
photographs of.

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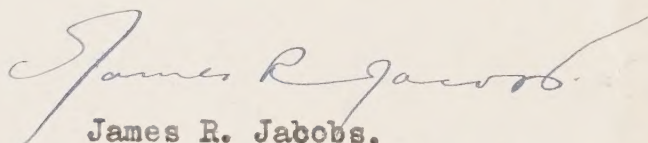
Director of the American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 155th St.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I have been particularly interested in securing pictures of the different ~~Spanish~~ and American coins of half dollar and dollar denominations that were issued by the United States and by Spain between the years 1780 and 1810. Those issued by Spain ^{that I want} were for use in Mexico. Could you give me any information as to how such photographs could be obtained?

I wish them as possible illustrations for an article that I am preparing on General James Wilkinson, who lived between 1757 and 1825.

Sincerely yours,



James R. Jacobs,
Major, U. S. A. (Retd.)

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October 9, 1936

James R. Jacobs, Esq.,
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Dear Sir:

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter of September 10th. At the time the writer was on his vacation and since then has been trying to catch up with back work.

We have looked through our photographs to see if we have any of the dollars that would apply as being used in this country in the early days but being common coins we do not seem to have any photographed.

Most of the pieces used here came from the Mexican Mint although the Lima and the Potosi Mints also supplied many of the coins, but the types are the same throughout. I would say that the types most commonly used here were the Column dollars, first made by Ferdinand VI, later by Charles III, the head type of Charles III and Charles IV dollars. you can almost disregard the half dollars as these apparently did not circulate in this country, in fact comparatively few were made. The 2 real, one real pieces and half real pieces, however, did. These were of the same type as the dollars.

On account of the lack of half dollar pieces, our own Mint made quantities of half dollars, that being the reason they are the commonest of all denominations today. This, however, applies rather after 1810 than before.

We can photograph for you all three types. The charge would be \$4.00.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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